Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0036] as follows:

As shown by FIG. 4, a second code word received by the buffer 46 is stored in a second row, referred to as "row 2," of the buffer 46. This code word comprises k number of characters respectively referred to as "Char $(k + 1)$" through "Char $2k$." The code word of "row 2" also comprises $(n - k)$ number of checksum characters, respectively referred to as "CS Char 2, 1" through "CS Char 2, $n - k$." Note that "CS Char 2, 1" through "CS Char 2, $n - k$" stored within "row 2" define information that may be used to recover at least one of the data block ~~characters~~ ~~,"Char $k + 1$"~~ characters, "Char $k + 1$" through "Char $2k$" stored in "row 2." Furthermore, each successively received code word is stored in a successive row of the buffer 46 in a similar manner.